



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**TO:** Hope Star Journal  
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**FROM:** Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)  
City of Columbus-Bartholomew County Planning Department

**DATE:** June 7, 2016

**RE:** Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Open House

The Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will host an open house to collect public input for the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The event is scheduled for 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 in the Cal Brand Meeting Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Columbus City Hall.

The public is encouraged to attend and contribute to the plan's formulation. Comments on road conditions, sidewalks, bicycle routes, bus service, and suggestions for future projects are welcome. CAMPO is seeking input from all transportation users, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, bus riders, and freight movers.

The event will start with a 30-minute presentation. The remainder of the time will be available for public comments and questions, and review of displays. Participants will have the opportunity to comment on proposed goals and objectives for the community's transportation future, and to view various land use and transportation scenarios being modeled to help define and prioritize projects.

These future projects could include road improvements, railroad grade separations, new east-west connections, roundabouts, street diets, sidewalk improvements, and additional bus routes. CAMPO's role in the community is to receive federal transportation funds and to disperse those funds to eligible Columbus and Bartholomew County projects. The LRTP is a key tool in prioritizing possible projects.

Past CAMPO-funded projects have included improvements for Indiana Avenue and Carr Hill Road, the transformation of 4<sup>th</sup> Street into a flexible street for downtown events, sections of the People Trail, and the ColumBUS Transit Mill Race Station.

CAMPO, which is part of the City of Columbus-Bartholomew County Planning Department, conducts transportation planning for an area that includes Columbus and parts of unincorporated Bartholomew County. CAMPO was established in 2004, and the first LRTP was adopted the following year. Federal regulations call for the plan to be updated at least every five years to reflect changes in policy and transportation needs. The last update was in 2011.

Please contact Laura Thayer at 376-2550 with any questions about the open house or the transportation planning process.